

By Senator Cowin

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund within the Department of Legal Affairs without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; amending s. 16.556, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to termination and review of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund within the Department of Legal Affairs, which is otherwise scheduled to be terminated pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund before its scheduled termination date and has found that it continues to meet an important public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for its use, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) The Crime Stoppers Trust Fund within the Department of Legal Affairs, FLAIR number 41-2-202, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2002, is re-created.

(2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund are continued.

1           Section 2. Section 16.556, Florida Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:  
3           16.556 Crime Stoppers Trust Fund.--  
4           ~~(1) The Crime Stoppers Trust Fund is created to be~~  
5 ~~administered by the Department of Legal Affairs.~~  
6           ~~(2) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art.~~  
7 ~~III of the State Constitution, the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund~~  
8 ~~shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1,~~  
9 ~~2002. Prior to its scheduled termination, the trust fund must~~  
10 ~~be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).~~  
11           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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14           HOUSE SUMMARY

15           Re-creates the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund within the  
16 Department of Legal Affairs.  
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